

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 5-8 are pending in the present application. Claims 5, 7, and 8 have been amended by the present amendment. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action the specification was objected to because of informalities and failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. Claims 5-8 were objected to because of informalities and were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite.

The noted informalities in the specification have been corrected as suggested in the outstanding Office Action, and it is respectfully requested the objection be withdrawn.

Applicants thank Examiner Ngo for the interview granted Applicants' representatives June 29, 2004. During the interview, the present amendments to Claims 5 and 8 were discussed to clarify the claimed invention and overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 7 has been further amended since the interview for purposes of clarification. In light of the discussion during the June 29, 2004 interview, Claims 5, 7, and 8 have been amended consistent with the specification to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Briefly recapitulating, amended Claim 5 recites an In Plane Switching (IPS) liquid crystal displaying apparatus including a TFT array substrate and an opposite substrate with liquid crystal interposed between the TFT array substrate and opposite substrate.

Specifically, Claim 5 has been amended to delete the language objected to in page 4, lines 6-14 of the outstanding Office Action. Further, amended Claim 5 clarifies that the TFT array substrate of the claimed invention includes a plurality of opposite electrodes that

oppose a plurality of driving electrodes, thereby addressing page 4, lines 18-19 of the outstanding Office Action. Amended Claim 5 is also amended to clarify how the common lines are connected in the claimed invention consistent with the Examiner's suggestion on page 4, line 22 to page 5, line 2 of the outstanding Office Action. Support for these amendments is found at least at page 21, line 9 to page 22, line 22 as well as the non-limiting illustrations of Figures 20-24.

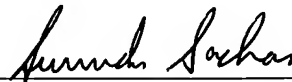
Claim 7 is amended to recite a "light shielding means formed in such a manner as to superpose one signal line of the plurality of signal lines and one opposite electrode of the plurality of opposite electrodes." Support for the amendment is found in the Applicants' specification at page 24, lines 19-36 as well as in the non-limiting illustrations of Figures 31a and 31b. As shown in the non-limiting illustration of Figure 31b, the light shielding film 60 is superposed with a signal line 3 and opposite electrode 6, thereby shielding leakage light that may otherwise occur between the opposite electrode and signal line.

Claim 8 has been amended to clarify the claimed invention and delete the language addressed in page 5, lines 12-17 of the outstanding Office Action. Amended Claim 8 clarifies that at least one TFT, at least one driving electrode, and at least one storage capacity increasing electrode are formed in different layers of the TFT array substrate recited in amended Claim 8. Support for this amendment is found in the Applicants' specification on page 31, lines 1-19, as well as the non-limiting illustration of Figure 36.

Consequently in view of the present amendment and in light of the above comments, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of Claims 5-8 has been overcome. As no further issues are believed to be outstanding in this application, the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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